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In re Application of:

Thomas Joseph Segatta et al

For: TIRE WITH APEX RUBBER BLEND

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to Applicant mailed April 16, 1996, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Four Times Amended) A radial tire comprising a steel cord reinforced carcass ply and an apex of a composition comprised of, based on 100 parts by weight rubber, (A) about 80 to about 97 parts by weight of at least one diene rubber selected from the group consisting of natural rubber, synthetic cis 1,4-polyisoprene rubber[,] and cis 1,4-polybutadiene rubber; and (B) about 3 to about 20 parts by weight of a trans 1,4-polybutadiene rubber [have] ^{about} having [a 65 to about 90] ^{about 12} 75 to about 85 percent by weight trans 1,4-content, [a 5 to about a 20] ^{about} 2 to about 18 percent by weight of [a] vinyl 1,2-content and [a 2 to about a 15] ^{about} 3 to about 8 percent by weight cis 1,4-content and, in its uncured state, a first major melting point in the range of about 35°C to about 45°C and a second minor melting point in the range of about 55°C to about 65°C.